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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S PROPOSED DRAFT STATEMENT OF
PURPOSE AND FORMAT FOR UPCOMING BILATERAL. EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REACTION AND SUGGESTIONS SOONEST.

2. STATEMENT OF OVERALL PURPOSE
IN THE PAST THE BILATERAL CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETINGS
HELD BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICO HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY
THE READING OF LISTS OF REQUESTS BY THE INSTITUTIONS
REPRESENTED (NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO,
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY, MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION, COLEGIO DE MEXICO, ETC.). BECAUSE OUR TWO
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES ARE
SO TOTALLY DIFFERENT, WE MUST LOOK FOR A MORE USEFUL
FORMAT FOR THE NEXT MEETING; ONE THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN
INTERFACE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DESIGNED TO
COMPENSATE FOR THESE DIFFERENCES AND ALLOW A MORE
PRODUCTIVE INTERCHANGE.

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WE WOULD SUGGEST THEREFORE A CULTURAL COMMISSION FORMAT
ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

I FIRST DAY PART I

A. MORNING SESSION

1. REMARKS BY HEAD MEXICAN DELEGATION
 2. REMARKS BY HEAD U.S. DELEGATION
 3. PRESENTATION STATUS REPORT BY MEXICO AND DISCUSSION
 4. PRESENTATION STATUS REPORT BY US AND DISCUSSION
- B. LUNCH HOSTED BY MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE

C. AFTERNOON SESSION

1. PRESENTATION MEXICAN AREAS OF INTEREST AND LONG RANGE GOALS

DISCUSSION: (THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE AREAS THAT GOM MAY SUGGEST).

- A. CULTURE ALONG BORDER
- B. CERVANTES FESTIVAL
- C. BICULTURAL EDUCATION

2. PRESENTATION U.S. AREAS OF INTEREST AND LONG RANGE GOALS

DISCUSSION:

- A. AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM
- B. CLEARING HOUSE OF INFORMATION ON U.S. AND MEXICAN HIGHER EDUCATION (EMBASSY WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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C. OTHER?

- D. EVENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY EMBASSY

II SECOND DAY PART II

A. MORNING SESSION

1. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION OF OVERALL GOALS AND AREAS OF INTEREST
2. DISCUSSION OF BROAD PROGRAM AREAS TO ACHIEVE ABOVE
3. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTE: ON THE ABOVE TOPICAL AREAS, DISCUSSION AMONG PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH THE U.S. AND MEXICO SHOULD BE HELD TO BROAD THEMES OF COOPERATION AND AREAS OF FUTURE CONCENTRATION. HOPEFULLY, THE COORDINATING MECHANISM OF THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CAN SET THE GROUND RULES FOR INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED AND SCREEN OUT THE TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION OF LENGTHY LISTS OF REQUESTS.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT PLAY THE COORDINATING ROLE FOR THE UNIVERSITIES AND DEVELOP WITH THEM THE MOST IMPORTANT GENERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION THEY ARE INTERESTED IN. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COULD DO THE SAME WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS AS WELL AS WITH THE REST OF THE EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE ASIDE FROM HIGHER EDUCATION. FOR EXAMPLE, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION APPEARS

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TO BE INTERESTED IN BROAD COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION, TEACHER TRAINING FOR A NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY, JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, A NATIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM, AND OPEN EDUCATION. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF IMPORTANT AREAS THAT WE COULD AGREE UPON FOR COOPERATION, LEAVING PROGRAM DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY RELEVANT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS WITH OUR EMBASSY AND THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ACTING IN AN OVERALL CATALYTIC AND SUPERVISORY CAPACITY.

B. LUNCH

C. AFTERNOON SESSION - LINCOLN-JUAREZ COMMISSION

1. MEXICAN REPORT
2. U.S. REPORT
3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

D. RECONVENE AS JOINT COMMISSION TO APPROVE FINAL STATEMENT. LUCEY

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